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**Statutes Made Obsolete by Trial Court Restructuring (Part 9):
Jurisdictional Classification of a Drug Asset Forfeiture Proceeding**

Request for Public Comment

The California Law Revision Commission has released a tentative recommendation on the jurisdictional classification of a drug asset forfeiture proceeding. The Commission tentatively recommends revising the drug asset forfeiture statutes to expressly state that a forfeiture petition or claim is an unlimited civil case, regardless of the value of the seized property.

This would not be a substantive change, nor would it be an endorsement or condemnation of the existing drug asset forfeiture statutes. It would just be a clarification to prevent jurisdictional mistakes, benefiting all concerned without precluding the Legislature from revisiting other aspects of those statutes as appropriate in the future.

The Commission seeks comments on its tentative recommendation, which is available at www.clrc.ca.gov/J1408.html. Comments can be in any format. The Commission often substantially revises its recommendations as a result of public comment. To receive timely consideration, **comments should be submitted to bhebert@clrc.ca.gov by April 18, 2022.**